

# AERATED POISSON DISTRIBUTIONS AND THEIR CONTINUOUS APPROXIMANTS

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## Plan

- 1) Combinatorial Numbers from Normal Ordering of Differential Operators (or Bosons)
- 2) Generalized Bell numbers as Stieltjes Moments
  - a) continuous weights (\*)
  - b) discrete weights (\*\*)
- 3) Aerated Poisson distributions
- 4) Their exact approximants
- 5) Problem of unicity of solutions

Collaborations on various related subjects:

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# Normal Ordering of Differential Operators

(s. P. Blasiak, K.A. Penson & A.I. Solomon  
Annals of Combinatorics 7, 127 (2003))

$$\left[ \frac{d}{dx}, x \right] = 1 \iff [a, a^\dagger] = 1 \text{ (bosons)}$$

Definition:  $r \geq s$  - integers

$$\left[ x^r \frac{d^s}{dx^s} \right]^n = x^{n(r-s)} \sum_{k=s}^{n \cdot s} S_{r,s}^{(n,k)} x^k \left( \frac{d}{dx} \right)^k$$

normally ordered form

Once the integers  $S_{r,s}^{(n,k)}$  are known the normal order has been achieved

$$B_{r,s}(n) = \sum_{k=s}^{n \cdot s} S_{r,s}^{(n,k)}$$

↑  
generalised Bell numbers

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generalised Stirling numbers of second kind.

For all  $r \geq s$  the closed form expressions for these numbers exist.

Our interest: generalised Bell numbers

$r \geq s$  integers:

$r > s$

$$B_{r,s}(n) = \frac{(r-s)^{s(n-1)}}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \prod_{j=1}^s \frac{\Gamma\left(n + \frac{k+j}{r-s}\right)}{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{k+j}{r-s}\right)}$$

$n = 0, 1, \dots$

$r = s > 1$

$$B_{r,r}(n) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left[ \frac{(k+r)!}{k!} \right]^{n-1}$$

$r = s = 1$

$$B_{1,1}(n) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{k!} \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{Standard} \\ \text{Bell no.} \end{array}$$

Generalized Dobinski Relations:

Representations as infinite series  
(not power series)

Let us calculate some of these sequences for  $n=1 \dots$

$$B_{1,1}(n) = 1, 2, 5, 15, 52, 203, 877, 4140 \dots$$

A000110 (OEIS)

$$B_{2,1}(n) = 1, 3, 13, 73, 501, 4051, 37633 \dots$$

A000262 (OEIS)

$$B_{2,2}(n) = 1, 7, 87, 1657, 43833, 1515903 \dots$$

A020556 (OEIS)

$$B_{3,3}(n) = 1, 34, 2971, 513559, 149670844, \dots$$

A069223 (OEIS)

⋮

OEIS: Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences (N. J. A. Sloane)

<https://oies.org/>

For all  $r \geq s$  both  $B_{r,s}(n)$  &  $S_{r,s}(n, k)$  have representations in terms of generalized hypergeometric function

$$F_{p,q} \left( \left[ \overset{\text{list}}{p} \text{ "upper" par.} \right], \left[ \overset{\text{list}}{q} \text{ "lower" par.} \right], x \right)$$

Example:  $r = s = 1$   
 "Standard" Bell(n) &  $S_2(n, k)$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{B_{1,1}(n)} &\equiv \text{Bell}(n) = && (n = 1, 2, \dots) \\ &= e^{-1} {}_{n-1}F_{n-1} \left( \underbrace{[2, 2, \dots, 2]}_{n-1}, \underbrace{[1, 1, \dots, 1]}_{n-1}, 1 \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{B_{1,1}(0)} \equiv 1$$

$$\underline{S_{1,1}(n, k)} = \text{Stirling}_2(n, k) =$$

$$= \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{(k-1)!} {}_{n-1}F_{n-1} \left( \underbrace{[-k+1, 2, 2, \dots, 2]}_{n-1}, \underbrace{[1, 1, \dots, 1]}_{n-1}, 1 \right)$$

$$1 \leq k \leq n$$

... + more involved for  $r, s > 1$

Potential Interest for Probability?  
(Flajolet, Bostan...)

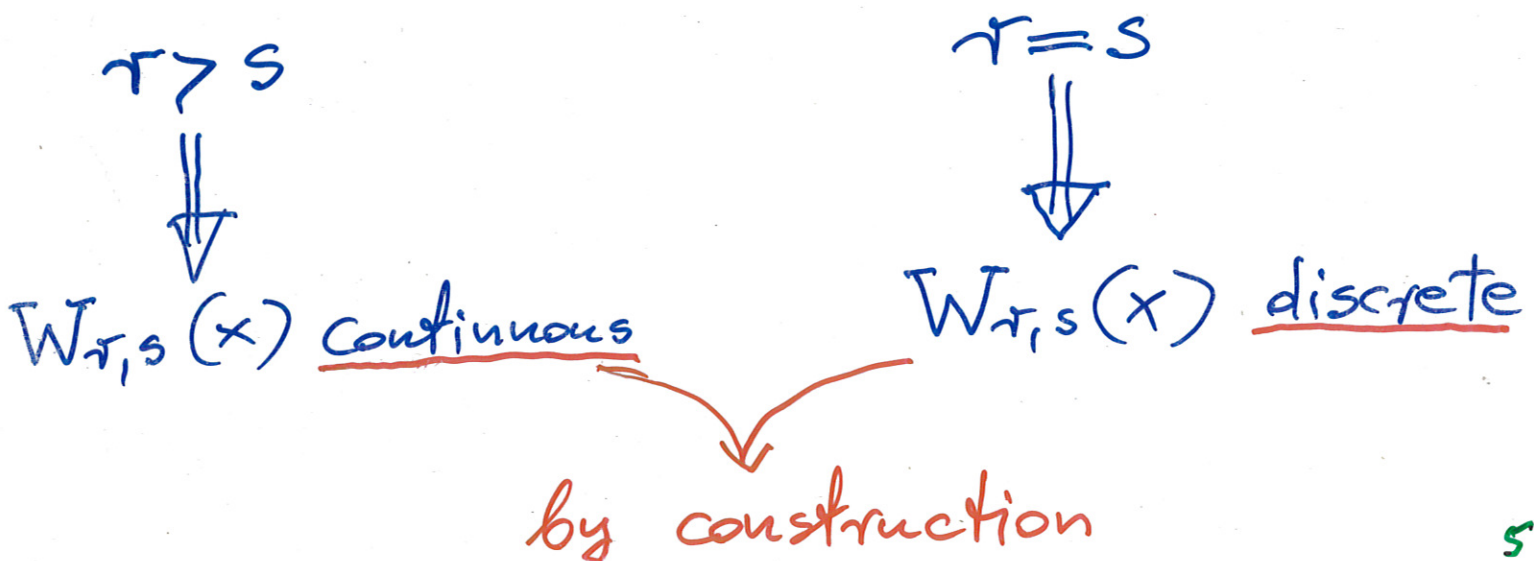
All  $B_{r,s}(n)$  are positive definite,  
i.e. are  $n$ -th moments of positive  
functions on positive half-axis !!!

$$B_{r,s}(n) = \int_0^{\infty} x^n \cdot W_{r,s}(x) dx \quad (*)$$

↑  
positive function  
(continuous or discrete)

How to obtain the "weights"  $W_{r,s}(x)$ ?  
We have to solve the Stieltjes moment  
problem.

$W_{r,s}(x)$  are explicitly constructed:



Solution of the Stieltjes moment problem through the inverse Mellin transform, via Meijer G-functions

Integers:  $r, s$  ,  $r > s$

Known  $\downarrow$

$$W_{r,s}(x) = G_{0,s}^{s,0} \left( \frac{x}{(r-s)^s} \mid \left\{ \frac{j}{r-s} \right\}_{j=1}^s \right) \cdot \frac{1}{x e^{(r-s)^s}} *$$

$$* \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{[x(r-s)^s]^{\frac{k}{r-s}}}{k!} \frac{1}{\prod_{j=1}^s \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{k+j}{r-s}\right)}$$

power series

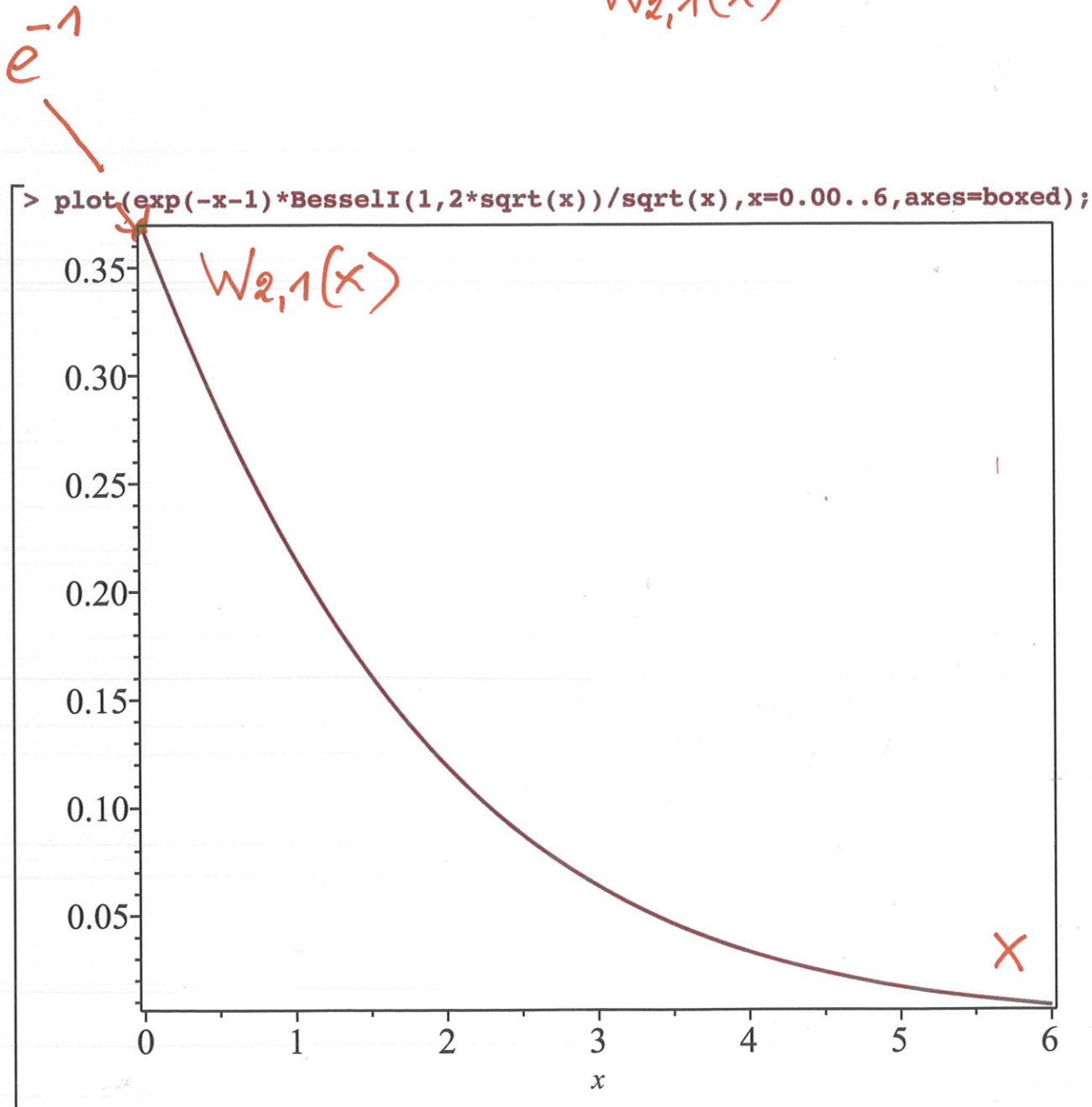
- Can be tackled using Computer Algebra Systems
- Rapid convergence in  $x$ .
- Assumptions about  $r, s$  integers can be relaxed.....!

... but  $r > s$   
always

Example :  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

$$B_{2,1}(n) = 1, 3, 13, 73, 501, 4051, \dots$$

$$B_{2,1}(n) = \int_0^{\infty} x^n \underbrace{\left[ \exp(-x-1) \cdot \frac{I_1(2\sqrt{x})}{\sqrt{x}} \right]}_{W_{2,1}(x)} dx$$



Problem:  $B_{2,1}(0) = \frac{1}{e} < 1 \dots$



Problem with  $n=0$  moments:

$$B_{r,s}(n=0) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(k+s+1)} =$$

$$= 1 - \frac{\Gamma(s, 1)}{\Gamma(s)} < 1 \quad !!!$$

$$\Gamma(s, 1) = \text{incomplete gamma function}$$
$$= \int_1^{\infty} e^{-t} t^{s-1} dt$$

$n=0$  moment  $\rightarrow$  normalisation of probability is not OK ...

A) The deficit of probability does not depend on  $r$ ;

$$B) \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Gamma(s, 1)}{\Gamma(s)} = 1$$

# Solution of the deficit $n=0$ (missing probability)

1. Combinatorists:

Set by definition  $B_{r,s}(n=0) \equiv 1$

2. Probabilists:

Compensate by adding an extra term in the weight  $W_{r,s}(x)$ :

$$\frac{\Gamma(s, 1)}{\Gamma(s)} \delta(x=0)$$

$\Rightarrow$  For the combinatorial numbers in question there is always a Dirac delta pic at  $x=0$ .

## Conventional Poisson distribution

Let  $\lambda > 0$ ,  $X_\lambda$  is the random variable with the Poisson distribution ( $\lambda > 0$ )

$$\left[ P(X_\lambda = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \stackrel{\lambda=1}{=} \frac{1}{e} \frac{1}{k!} \right]$$

for  $k = 0, 1, \dots$

Therefore, as a function of  $x$  this is the discrete distribution

$$W_{1,1}(x) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(x-k)}{k!}$$

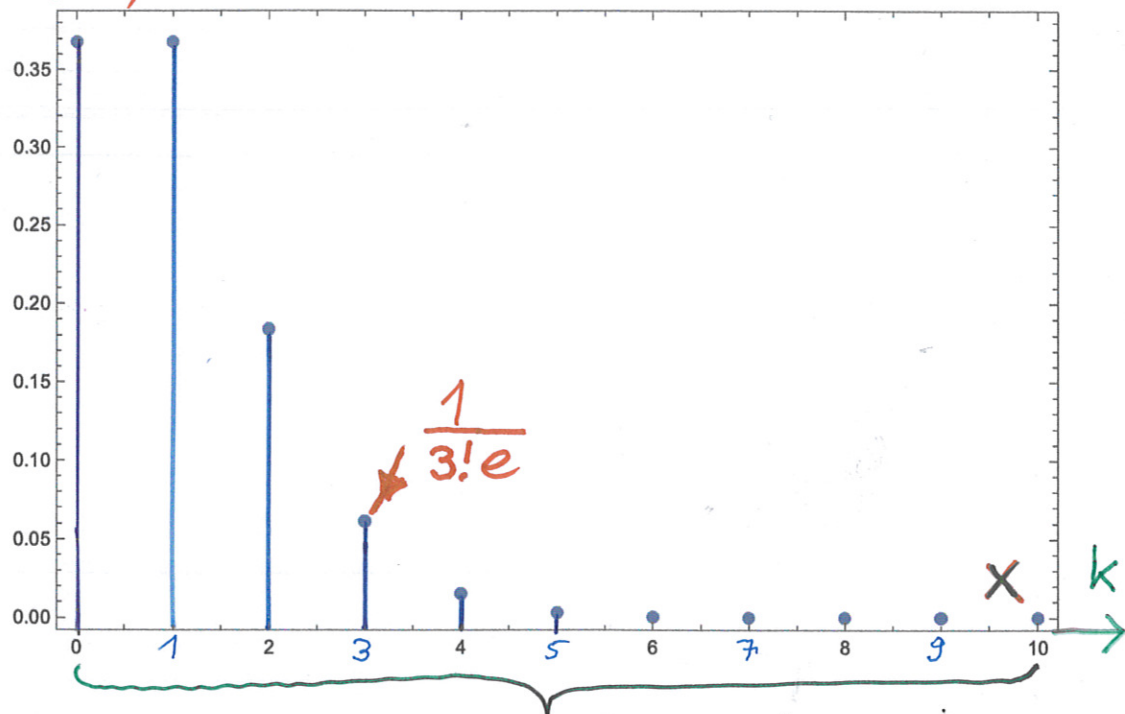
with moments

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^n W_{1,1}(x) dx = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{k!} \equiv B_{1,1}(n)$$

For  $\lambda=1$ , the moments of Poisson distributions are the Bell numbers.

# Discrete Poisson Distribution

$W_{1,1}(x)$



Equidistant (all) integers

$$W_{1,1}(x) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(x-k)}{k!}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} x^n \left[ \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\delta(x-k)}{k!} \right] dx = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{k^n}{k!} = B_{1,1}(n)$$

(Dobiński formula)

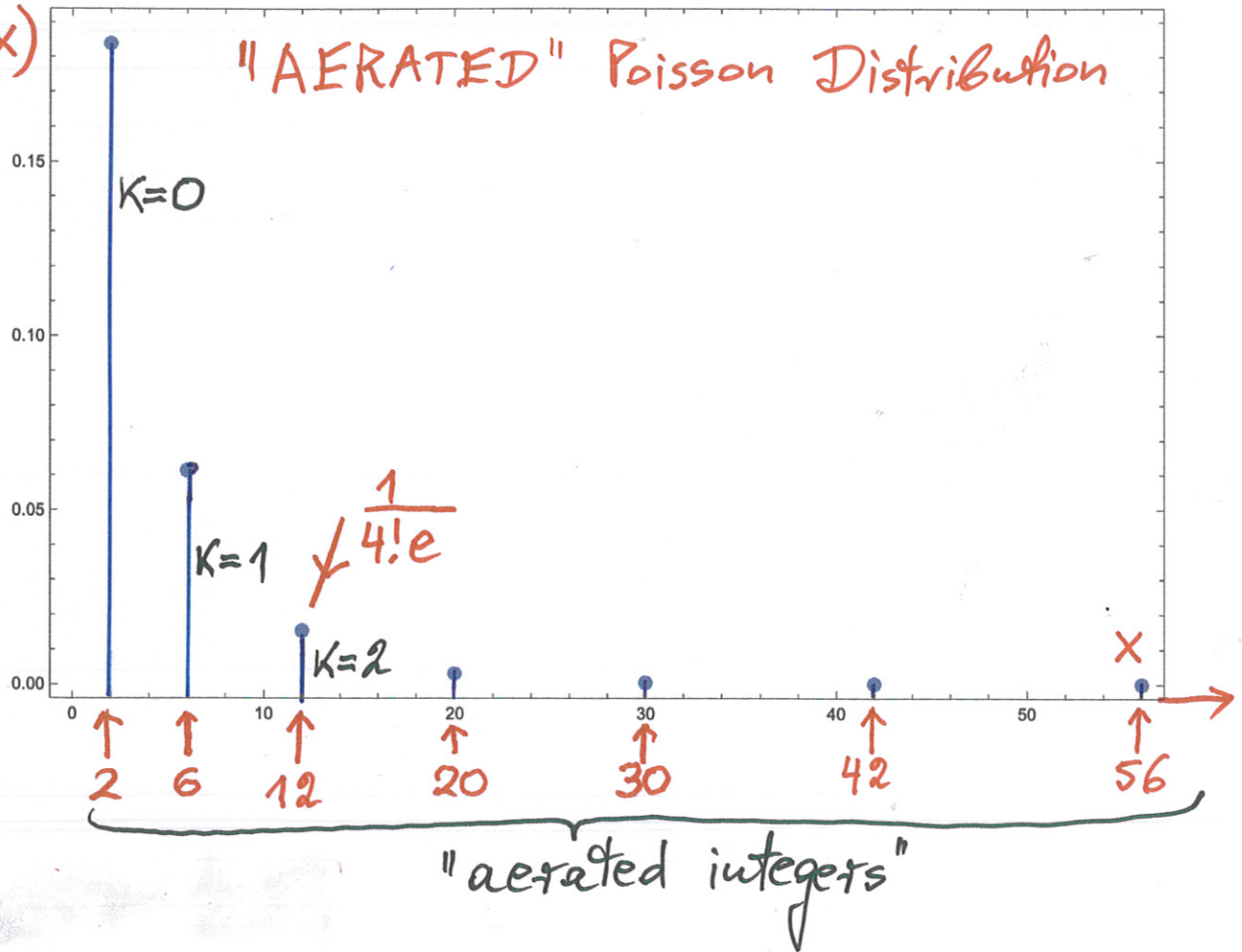
Normal order of  $\left(x \frac{d}{dx}\right)^n$  furnishes

Poisson distribution whose  $n$ -th moment

is equal  $B_{1,1}(n) = \text{Bell}(n) = 1, 2, 15, 52, \dots$

$$\left(x^2 \frac{d^2}{dx^2}\right)^n \rightarrow B_{2,2}(n)$$

$W_{2,2}(x)$



$$W_{2,2}(x) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+2)!} \delta(x - (k+1)(k+2))$$

Dirac Delta pics situated on points  $(k+1)(k+2)$   
with strenght  $\frac{1}{e(k+2)!}$   
 $k=0, 1, \dots$

$$\frac{1}{e(k+2)!}$$

⋮

$$W_{3,3}(x) = \frac{1}{e} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+3)!} \delta(x - (k+1)(k+2)(k+3))$$

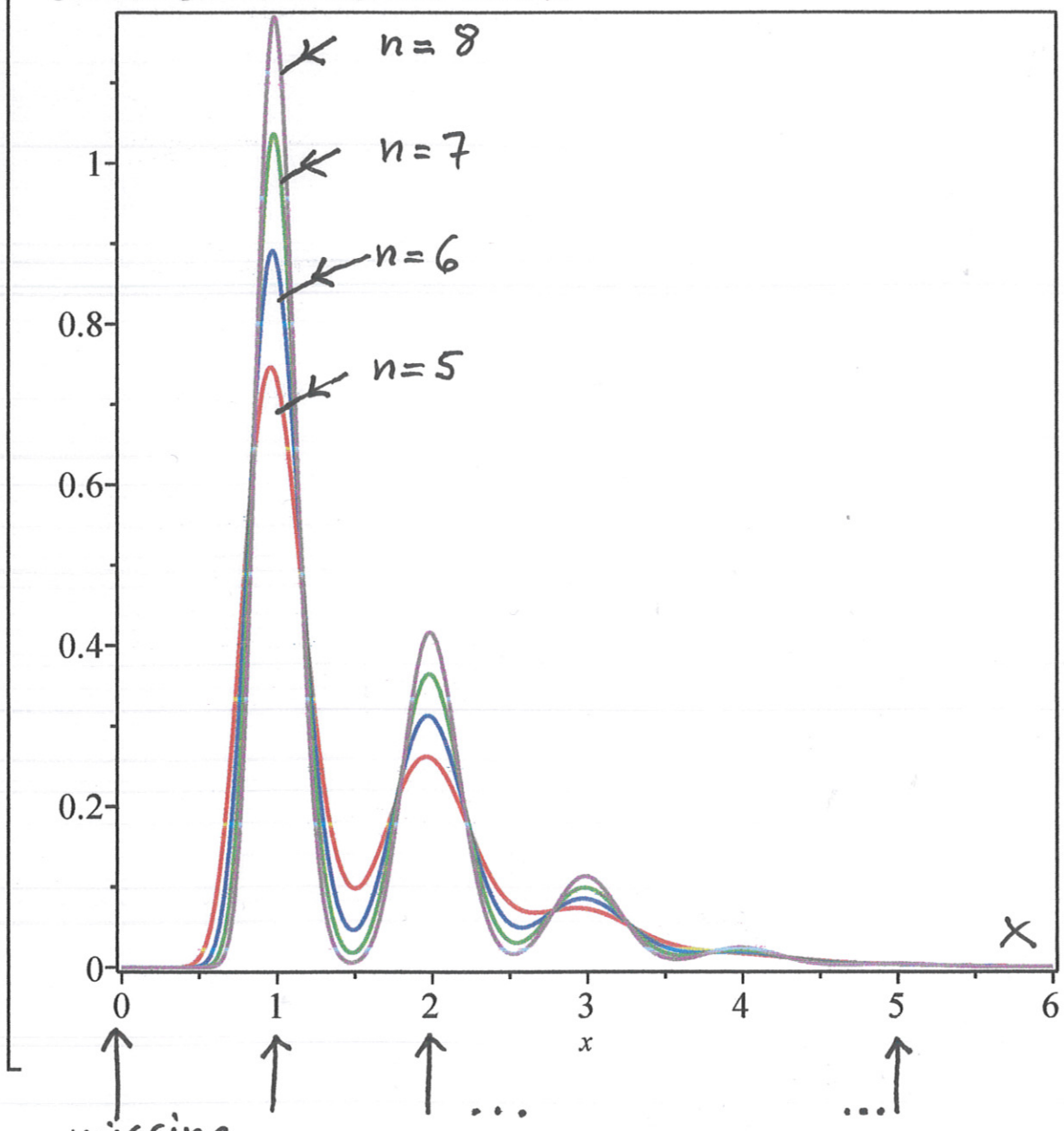
etc.

$W(1, 1, x) \rightarrow$  Delta pics at  $x=0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 Poisson distribution

Approximating by  $1 + \frac{1}{n^2}$

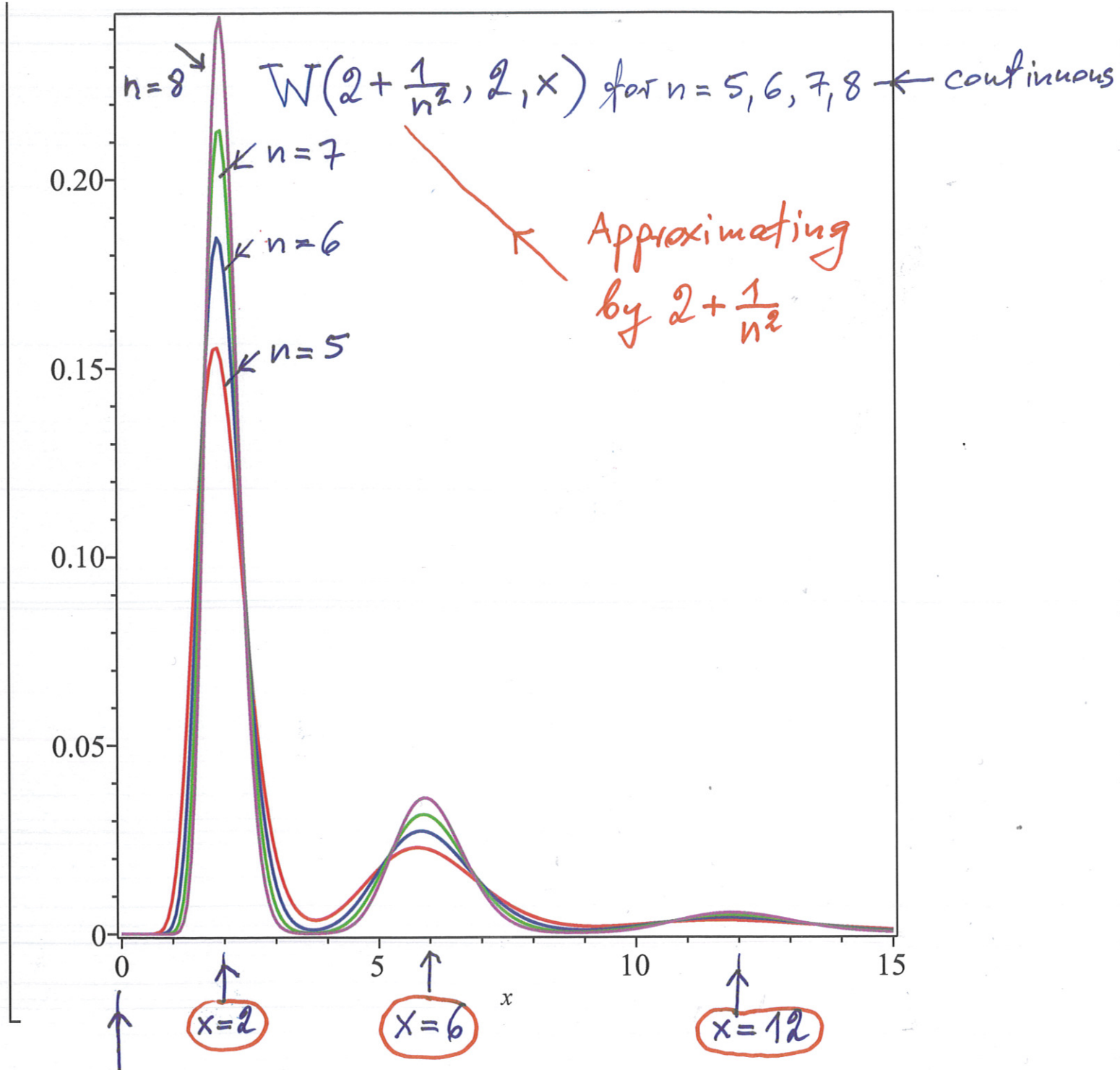
$W(1 + \frac{1}{n^2}, 1, x)$  for  $n=5, 6, 7, 8$ ; continuous

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> plot([seq(Wmod(1+1/n^2, 1, x, 24), n=5..8)], x=0..6, color=[red, blue, green, magenta, black], axes=boxed);
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$\Rightarrow$  EXACT continuous "approximation" of classical Poisson distribution

$W(2, 2, x) \rightarrow$  Delta pics at  $x=2, 6, 12, \dots$



$\Rightarrow$  EXACT continuous "approximation" of discrete "aerated" Poisson distribution

⚡ Question of unicity of these ⚡  
⚡ distributions: ⚡

A) Averaged moments grow very strongly  
→ conditions for unicity of discrete  
distribution (?)

B) Unicity of continuous distributions  
 $W_{r,s}(x)$ ,  $r > s$ :

Krein Criterion: (sufficient)

if  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{-\ln[W_{r,s}(x^2)]}{1+x^2} < \infty$  (\*)

⇒  $W_{r,s}(x)$  non-unique (\*\*)

Only numerical check of (\*) possible

C) Generation of non-unique solutions.  
(Some ideas under study...)